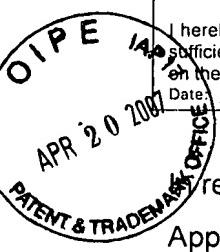


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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

OTHER DOCUMENTS

B1	Eiichiro Uchimura et al. "Novel method of preparing acellular cardiovascular grafts by decellularization with poly(ethylene glycol)" Journal of Biomedical Materials Research vol. 67A, No. 3, pp. 834-37 (December 1, 2003)
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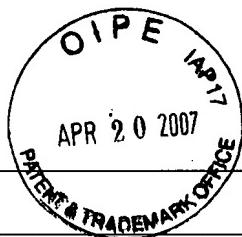
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